

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): An adjustable length cannula comprising:

A ~~a~~ pair of telescopically interengaged cannula bodies, each having a generally tubular shape, a first one of said cannula bodies carrying a lug that protrudes therefrom, which lug interengages a length adjusting track formed in a second one of said cannula bodies; said length adjusting track including a channel formed longitudinally in said second cannula body and a plurality of position defining lug guides that intersect said channel and are spaced longitudinally apart along said second cannula body; said lug being receivable in said channel and said first cannula body being slidable telescopically along said second cannula body such that said lug is selectively interengagable with a respective locking lug guide by axially rotating the interengaged cannula bodies relative to one another to provisionally lock said first and second bodies together at a selected overall cannula length.

Claim 15 (new): The device of claim 14 in which said second cannula body slides interiorly through said first cannula body.

Claim 16 (new): The device of claim 14 in which said cannula bodies have generally cylindrical shapes.

Claim 17 (new): The device of claim 14 in which said second cannula body carries a cannula head that has a bore formed therethrough and communication with a central bore of said second cannula body.

Claim 18 (new): The device of claim 14 in which said channel is parallel to a central axis of said second cannula body.

Claim 19 (new): The device of claim 14 in which position defining guides extend perpendicularly to said channel and circumferentially about said second cannula body.

Claim 20 (new): The device of claim 14 in which each said lug guide includes a tapered entrance to facilitate introduction of said lug into said lug guide.

Claim 21 (new): The device of claim 14 in which each said lug guide includes a detent and a locking pocket adjacent said detent at a distal end of said lug guide.

Claim 22 (new): The device of claim 14 wherein said first and second bodies are telescopically manipulated to position said lug adjacent to a selected lug guide, said interengaged first and second cannula bodies being rotated such that said lug slides over said detent of said lug guide and into said locking pocket to hold said first and second cannula bodies together at a selected length defined by said interengaged lug and locking pocket.

Claim 23 (new): The device of claim 14 in which said second cannula body includes a distal end having a flexible flared edge lip defining a gas seal, said edge lip sealably interengaged with an interior surface of a central axial bore of said first cannula body.

Claim 24 (new): The device of claim 14 in which said first cannula body includes a beveled proximal end that interengages a generally smooth outer surface of said second cannula body.

Claim 25 (new): The device of claim 14 in which said first cannula body includes a conically tapered distal end that carries a plurality of longitudinal slots to allow for flexing of said distal end of said first cannula body.

Claim 26 (new): The device of claim 14 in which said first cannula body includes a threaded outer surface to facilitate rotating or twisting said first cannula body relative to said second cannula body.